

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

Austin, Texas,  
April 2nd, 1923.

Hon. S. L. Staples,  
Secretary of State,  
Capitol Building,  
Austin, Texas.

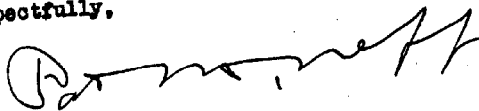
Dear Mr. Secretary:

House Bill No. 645, herewith filed with my veto,  
appropriates \$474,890.87 with which to pay various claims against  
the State.

These claims, so far as I know, are just. There  
is no money, however, in the State Treasury. The Legislature generously  
made this and other appropriations, but provided no means by which  
to get the money to meet the appropriations. All our revenue has been  
spent for other matters, and, according to the present program, there  
will not be a dollar this year with which to buy food for the blind  
wards of the State, or clothing for the inmates of the lunatic asylum,  
or for the support of any of our charitable institutions of the State.

There being no money in sight with which to pay  
the claims provided for in this measure, the bill is accordingly vetoed.

Respectfully,



Governor.